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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF WESTERN FIVE CONTACTS WITH
SOUTH AFRICA

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1. WORKING GROUP OF WESTERN FIVE MET AM APRIL 5 AT CANA-
DIAN MISSION TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON AD
REFERENDUM BASIS OF JOINT APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA.
PURPOSE OF MEETINGS IS TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AREAS THAT
REQUIRE POLICY PLANNING IN CAPITALS PRIOR TO APRIL 18
AND THAT PARTICIPANTS IN HIGHER-LEVEL NY MEETINGS NEED TO BE
PREPARED TO DISCUSS.

2. SIX TOPICS EMERGED:

A) LEVEL OF REPS FROM CAPITALS TO NY MEETINGS TO
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DISCUSS AGENDA WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE THE NEXT FIVE POINTS:
B) COMPOSITION OF "CONTACT GROUP" (EVEN THOUGH
FRANCE AND FRG OBJECT TO THIS TERM SEMANTICALLY, USUN WILL
USE IT TO REFER TO APRIL 25 JOINT MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA);
C) OBJECTIVES OF WESTERN FIVE IN TALKS WITH SAG;
D) WHAT PRECISELY IS MEANT BY THE WORDS "ELECTIONS
CONSISTENT WITH UNSC RESOLUTION 385?".

E) WHAT WILL BE SPECIFIC WESTERN ATTITUDES TOWARD TURNHALLE AND "INTERIM GOVERNMENT" IF SAG GOES AHEAD WITH LEGISLATION ENACTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE "TURNHALLE CONSTITUTION?" SINCE IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY ANYONE WILL RECOGNIZE THE "INTERIM GOVERNMENT", WILL WE TOTALLY IGNORE ITS CREATION IF THE SAG TRIES TO FORCE US TO DEAL WITH IT TO SET UP ELECTIONS?.

F) WHAT WILL BE THE CARROTS AND THE STICKS WESTERN FIVE WILL EMPLOY WITH PM VORSTER AND THE SAG? WOULD WESTERN GOVERNMENTS BE PREPARED TO MENTION POSSIBILITY OF CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE AND ECONOMIC AND OTHER SANCTIONS?

3. ON NY REPS (A), MISOFFS DISCUSSED PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM CAPITALS OF LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IN NY MEETINGS. GENERALLY OTHER FOUR REPS WILL BE HIGHER THAN DESK OFFICERS BUT LOWER THAN OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. RE POSSIBLE CONTACT GROUP REPS (B), IT WAS SUGGESTED BY SOME THAT THE NY PARTICIPANTS CONSIDER ASKING AN OFFICIAL EQUIVALENT IN RANK TO OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO LEAD THE DELEGATION FROM EACH COUNTRY. REGARDING OBJECTIVES (C), MISOFFS BELIEVED NY MEETING WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF FIRST CONTACT GROUP MISSION SHOULD BE POSTPONEMENT OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR "INTERIM GOVERNMENT", OR FOR SAG COMMITMENT TO FREE ELECTIONS CONSISTENT WITH RES 385. CANADIAN MISOFF, FOR INSTANCE, BELIEVES THAT EVEN IF SAG OVERRIDES THE WEST AND IMPLEMENTS INTERIM GOVERNMENT, WESTERN FIVE COULD STILL ACHIEVE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF 385 ELECTIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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USUN MISOFFS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF TURNHALLE WOULD HEAVILY COMPLICATE ABILITY OF WEST TO ACHIEVE UN SUPERVISED ELECTIONS, SINCE SAG WOULD TRY TO FORCE SOME DEALINGS WITH THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT UPON US. ALL FIVE THOUGHT THAT AT THE VERY LEAST WESTERN GROUP MUST BE ABLE TO RETURN TO UNSC IN JUNE WITH COMMITMENT BY SAG TO ELECTIONS CONSISTENT WITH 385. QUESTION FOR CAPITALS, CAPETOWN AND NY MEETING: DO WE USE OUR BIGGEST STICK TO ACHIEVE POSTPONEMENT OF TURNHALLE IMPLEMENTATION OR TO ACHIEVE COMMITMENT TO 385 ELECTIONS EVEN IF TURNHALLE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED? OR ON BOTH SUBJECTS?

5. MEETING WAS VERY USEFUL TO MISOFFS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON NAMIBIA AND RES 385. THEY AGREED TO MEET AGAIN INFORMALLY THURSDAY AFTERNOON, PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS INDIVIDUAL PARAS OF 385 RELATING TO ELECTIONS (D).

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